

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 11 is canceled.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Support for each amended claim is found at correspondingly numbered original claim and throughout the specification.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-10 and 12-24 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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